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Assistant Director for Special Operations  
Assistant Director for Policy and Coordination  
Assistant Director for Reports and Estimates  
Foreign Economic Intelligence Requirements Relating to the  
National Security

1. CIA has received a directive from the National Security Council to prepare a statement of the total requirements of the United States Government for foreign economic intelligence.

2. There are attached for your consideration two copies of a draft entitled Foreign Economic Intelligence Requirements Relating to the National Security which was prepared in this Office. This draft has been submitted to all Governmental departments and agencies concerned with economic affairs to be used as a basis for discussion and final statement of the requirements of the Government for foreign economic intelligence.

3. In order that all the requirements of CIA may be reflected in the final statement of Foreign Economic Intelligence Requirements, it is requested that your Office furnish any comments concerning the attached draft to O/RE by 30 November 1950.

4. CIA, as part of the same project, has also been directed to survey the present facilities of the United States Government for the production of foreign economic intelligence. This includes acquisition of economic data as well as its processing. The survey is now well launched on a government-wide basis. It remains, however, for CIA to survey its own facilities. In order that this may be accomplished without delay, it is requested that you designate a representative of your Office to meet with [redacted] of the O/RE Plans and Policy Staff in Room 2051 F Building at 2:30 p.m., on Monday, 13 November 1950, to discuss the specifications of the survey and to act thereafter to coordinate the survey within your Office.

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